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In re Application of:

Wojciech K. Slusarek, et al

IMAGING ELEMENT CONTAINING A
BLOCKED PHOTOGRAPHICALLY USEFUL
COMPOUND

Serial No. US 09/475,703

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Sir:

Group Art Unit: 1752

Examiner: Thorl Chea

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1.	Submission	required	under 3	7 CFR	§ 1.114
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(a)			Previously submitted	
	(i)		Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 3	7 CFR § 1.116 previously
		-	filed on October 2, 2001	
	(ii)		Consider the arguments in the Appeal Bri	ef or Reply Brief previously
			filed on	40.
	(iii)		Other	TEO.
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	(ii)		Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)	De 101, 100
	(iii)		Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)	
	(iv)		Other	
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2. Miscellaneous

(a) Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) of a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months: Fee under 37 C.F.R. s 1.17(i) required)

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4.

RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) Extension of time fee (37 CFR § 1.136 and 1.117)

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to further examination and responsive to the Final Rejection mailed October 18, 2001, please amend the above-identified application without prejudice as follows.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 11, 13 and 42 as follows:

-- 1. (Thrice amended) A photographic or photothermographic imaging element comprising an imaging layer having associated therewith a compound of Structure I:

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